THE

KENTISH MIRACLE:

Or a ſeaſonable Warning to all

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The wonderful Relation of one *Mary More* whoſe Huſband died ſome Time ago, and left her with two Children, who was reduced to great Want. How ſhe wander'd about the Country asking Relief, and went two Days without Food. How the Devil appeared to her, and the many Offers he made her to deny Chriſt, and enter into his Service; and how ſhe confounded Satan by her powerful Arguments. How ſhe came to a ſpringing Well of Water, where ſhe fell on her Knees, and prayed to Almighty God, that he would give that Virtue to the Water, that it might refreſh and ſatisfy her Childrens Hunger. Likewiſe an Account how an Angel appeared to her, and relieved her alſo declaring many Things to her that ſhall happen very ſpeedily. Shewing likewiſe what ſtrange and ſurprizing Accidents ſhall happen by Means of this preſent War, and concerning a dreadful Earthquake, *&c. &c.*

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NEAR the Town of *Maidſtone*, in the County of *Kent*, liv'd one Mr *John Moor*, who being a very good and godly Man, and having a very virtuous Woman to his Wife, that had born him two Sons, they took great Care to bring them up in the Fear of God; but as many Times the People of God meet with the Troubles in this miſtaken World, ſo it happened with this good Man; for his Subſtance decaying and great Loſſes happening to him at Sea, he was at length reduced to a very low Condition, and put into Priſon for Debt, where he broke his Heart and died.

Now the Widow with her two Sons was in a very poor Condition, ſo that they could hardly get Bread to keep them alive; and finding that their Wants increaſed daily, and ſeeing no Way to get a a Living, ſhe took her two Children, reſolved to go and travel the Country, and caſt herſelf upon the Charity of good Chriſtians.

Upon which ſhe took her Journey, and wandered about for ſome Time, but found Charity very cold. At laſt having wandered about two Days,

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Days, and getting nothing, the Children being very hungry, made ſuch a ſorrowful Lamentation, that their Cries were ready to melt her Heart, and coming to a ſolitary Place, ſhe ſat down and wept ſorely; When to her great Surprize and Aſtoniſhment, there appeared to her a moſt gallant Perſon cloathed in rich and coſtly Apparel, with many Attendants about him, and upon his Approach to her, he kindly ſaluted her, ſaying Poor Woman, why art thou here in ſuch a melancholy Condition, thou ſeemeſt to be in great Trouble? Truly Sir, ſaid ſhe, I am in great Diſtreſs, for my poor Babes are in a ſtarving Condition, and I have nothing to relieve them withal, and their Cries are fit to melt my Heart.

The ſuppoſed Nobleman replied, all thy Wants ſhall quickly be relieved, and thou ſhalt have what thy Heart can deſire if thou wilt be ruled by me; for I am chief Captain to the Prince of worldly Delights, whoſe never failing Kindneſs is bountifully beſtowed on all them that will freely accept of them, and is always ready to relieve any that he ſees in Diſtreſs, if they will freely enter into his Service; his bountiful Liberality is freely extended towards them, and he will afford them all the Profits and Pleaſures that the World can produce; therefore cheer up thy Heart and freely engage thyſelf in our Service; and Gold and Silver ſhall be at thy Command, and thou ſhalt never know any more want; and for thy Sons, they ſhall riſe to ſuch Honours and Dignity, that thou wilt for ever think thyſelf happy.

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The poor Woman being in a great Surpriz knew not what Anſwer to make, but after ſome Conſideration, ſhe thus anſwered; Noble Sir, ſaid ſhe, the Offer you make is very noble and generous: But who is that noble Prince you ſerve? and what is his Service? for I am a poor Woman, and was never brought up to any Prince's Court, nor am I qualified for ſuch Service.

The ſuppoſed Nobleman replied: My Prince is moſt famous, and his Service honourable, for he allows his Servants to enjoy all the Profit and Pleaſure that their Hearts can deſire; therefore if you will engage yourſelf in our Service, you muſt renounce the Chriſtian Faith, for that is an Abomination to my Prince; you muſt never pray to God nor Chriſt: you nor your Sons muſt never go to Church, nor read the Word of God, but diſpute againſt him; you muſt declare to your Sons, that his Service is only the Deluſions of deceitful Clergy.

The poor Woman replied, of what Profit is the Pleaſures of this World to me, if I forſake the God of Mercy, caſt his Laws behind my Back, and become a Servant to the Devil, that knows no Mercy, whoſe chief Delight is to deceive poor Sinners, and lead them to Deſtruction.

The ſuppoſed Nobleman replied, the God that thou ſpeaketh of has forſaken thee, and caſt thee off for thy former Sins, and has left thee and the Children to famiſh for Want of Bread, therefore thou

thou never muſt expect any Mercy from him, nor think that he will regard thee, nor receive thee again into his Service.

The Woman replied, the God that I ſerve is a merciful and a gracious God, and although he may withdraw his Hand for a Time, and leave poor Sinners under a Senſe of his Diſpleaſure for former Sins, yet he will not with hold his tender Mercy for ever; but if they will ſeek unto him, he will deliver them out of their Trouble, and will waſh away all their Sins in the Blood of Chriſt, that was ſhed on the Croſs for the Remiſſion of Sins, through whoſe bleſſed Merits I hope for Mercy, and doubt not but God for Chriſts Sake will deliver me and my Babes out of this Trouble, and will provide for us: Therefore I charge thee in the Name of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to depart from me, and tempt me no more, for I renounce thee and all thy Works, thy Service is deteſtable, thy Ways lead to deſtruction, and Hell is the Place for thy Servants, there to be tormented in Flames of Fire and Brimſtone for ever: As for me and my Children, we will ſerve the Lord our God. At which the helliſh Companion being confounded, and having no longer Power to tempt her, departed in Flames of Fire. And ſeeing herſelf left alone with her two Babes, ſhe fell down upon her Knees, and returned God Thanks for his great Mercy towards her; ſo aroſe and took her Babes by the Hand, ſaying, be content for the Lord will provide for you, and will ſend you Relief. And caſting her Eyes on one Side, eſpied a Well

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of Water, upon which ſhe went to get a Draught of the ſame; and having given ſome to her Children, there appeared one to her in bright Raiment, and ſaid to her, What doſt thou here? She replied, Truly Sir, I am come to give my Babes a Draught of this Water, not doubting but God that fed the Children of *Iſrael* 40 Years in the Wilderneſs with Bread from Heaven can ſatisfy my Childrens Hunger with a Draught of this Water.

The Angel (for ſo he was) replied Bleſſed be thou Servant of the Lord, and bleſſed be thy Faith, and as thou has believed ſo be it unto thee; for great is thy Faith, and the Lord has heard thy Prayers, and will provide for thee, and will relieve all thy Wants; turn thee round and up that Stone, and thou ſhalt find ſomething to buy Bread for thee and thy Babes. Upon which ſhe went and took up the Stone, where ſhe found 30 Shillings in a Paper, and theſe Words written, "Bleſſed are all thoſe that believe in God, for he will never leave or forſake them, and Chriſt died upon the Croſs for the Sins of the People."

The Angel ſaid to her, the Lord has ſent thee this to relieve thy preſent Neceſſity, and he will greatly bleſs thee, and provide for thee, becauſe thou haſt firmly believed in him; Therefore continue thou ſtedfaſtly in the Faith, for great and many are the Calamities that will happen in the World, becauſe the Sins thereof are great; and many Signs and Wonders ſhall be ſhewn from Heaven to certify that the Lord's Coming is at Hand,

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to judge the World in Righteouſneſs. There will be great Wars and Rumours of Wars in many Parts, and this will be a Year of great Bloodſhed in many Countries, and great Sickneſs and Mortality will happen in ſome Parts of this Kingdom, the Small-pox, Fevers and Agues, will prove very fatal, and there will many Signs be ſeen in the Air, and great Earthquakes in *Spain* and *Italy*, which will do great Damage, and great Confuſion will happen in thoſe Lands; And there will be many Signs and Wonders in the *Turk*'s Dominions, that will convince them their *Mahomet* is an Impoſtor, and that it is by the Name Chriſt Jeſus that all Fleſh muſt be ſaved. Let *England* repent of her Sins, and turn unto the Lord, for great is his Love towards her, and he will deliver her from all her Enemies, and make her Name famous among all Nations, and many will court her Favour therefore go thou and declare all theſe Things to three faithful Divines, and let them be publiſhed to the World; and bleſſed are they that hear and believe, for the Lord will greatly bleſs them, and deliver them in Time of Temptation and Trouble, She replied, but what if they will not believe me when I declare theſe Things? The Angel ſaid, If they will not, let them come here this Time To-morrow, and they ſhall ſee a Miracle.

Upon which the Angel diſappeared, and the Woman went and declared all that had happened to three Divines, who went with her to the Place to prove what ſhe had declared, where the Angel appeared in a moſt glorious Manner. Mr *Chambers* the

the Miniſter, ſaid, in the Name of the Lord, who art thou? The Angel replied, I am a Meſſenger of God ſent to warn you to repent, before he ſtretch his Hand too heavy upon you, and to certify what has been declared to you will certainly come to paſs in a very little Time. The Miniſter ſaid, What Sign doſt thou ſhew to certify theſe Things? Upon which the Angel, with a loud Voice, cried, Lord ſhew theſe a further Miracle; for they are faithleſs and unbelieving. Whereupon there appeared twelve more Angels, with glorious Crowns of Gold upon their Heads, ſinging Hallelujahs, and ſaying, Honour and Glory, Majeſty, Dominion and Power be to him that ſitteth on the Throne, and to the Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for thou art true and faithful, and thy Word will not return unto the void: Bleſſed are they that believe and ſee not, for what have been declared here ſhall ſhortly come to paſs. Therefore O *England* repent of thy Sins, and thou may be greatly favoured of our Lord, and he will do great Things for thee. And then they all vaniſhed away with heavenly Melody, while the three Divines, in a great Surprize, returned Home with the Woman: And further, to certify the ſame they have hereunto ſet their Hands.

October,

The Rev. Mr *Chambers*,
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